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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

In connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit an Amendment and Response to Office Action dated April 6, 2007.

No fees are believed to be due in conjunction with this response. However, if fees are due the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 03-3345.

Respectfully submitted,

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

A listing of the pending Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.  
 Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.